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LETTER DATED 14 JANUARY 2000 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge a strong protest over the hideous crimes listed below and to request that the United Nations security and civil presences in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, take all necessary measures to put an end to the killing, harassment and ethnic cleansing of non-Albanians and to create a secure environment in this Serbian province in full implementation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999.

1. At 1.00 a.m. on 11 January 2000, the terrorists of the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) cut off power supply and telephone lines in Kosmajska Street of the Prizren city quarter of Tusus and killed four members of the Muslim family of Skenderi: Adriana, born in 1980, Hanifa, born in 1941, Sezair, born in 1941, and Djula, born in 1917. At 8.00 a.m. on 13 January, looking for Ajmir Skenderi, son of late Hanifa and Sezair, the Albanian terrorists killed two other members of the family, Ajmir's two twin sisters and Hanifa's and Sezair's daughters. The crime has caused fear among the Muslims and other non-Albanians in the Prizren area who are protesting this latest instance of violence of the so-called KLA.

2. On 29 December 1999 a body of a dead man was found in the village of Obljevik, Municipality of Vucitrn. The investigation has indicated that the person had been killed a week before the body was found.

These monstrous crimes provide telling evidence that the terrorists of the so-called KLA continue to kill and ethnically cleanse non-Albanians despite the presence of the Kosovo Force (KFOR) and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission (UNMIK) in this Serbian province. Their tolerant attitude towards Albanian terrorists amounts to fawning to Albanian terrorist separatism and complicity in most grievous crimes committed in the full glare of the international community.

These crimes also bring to light the responsibility of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and UNMIK head for the difficult security situation in Kosovo and Metohija due to his failure to respect his mandate and to implement Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and

the related documents. Except for routine verbal condemnations of the violence, the Special Representative and UNMIK head has done nothing to put an end to this abhorrent practice even though he has over 50,000 KFOR and UNIP members and other United Nations and international organizations personnel at his disposal. The escalation of killing and harassment of non-Albanians and the ensuant difficult security situation in Kosovo and Metohija provides convincing evidence that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, many members of the Security Council and the objective international public opinion have been right in highlighting the failure of KFOR and UNMIK ever since the beginning of their deployment to implement the mandate entrusted them by the Security Council in its resolution 1244 (1999) and to create a secure environment for all residents of this Serbian province.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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